



THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

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CLANCY JEAN TO HEAD POST IN SEOUL, KOREA

Clarence V. (Clancy) Jean, director of the Grain and Feed Division, is joining the FAS field ranks to head an attache office in the U.S. Embassy at Seoul. This is the first post to be opened by FAS since the establishment of an ag attache office in Taipei, Taiwan in 1968, and brings the total number of attache posts to 60.

Korea has become increasingly important over the past few years as one of the larger markets for U.S. agricultural products. Last year, it ranked third (after Japan and India) among Asian markets for U.S. farm commodities. Agricultural exports to the country in 1969 totaled approximately \$235 million. Major export commodities are rice and cotton, followed by wheat, flour, corn, and fats and oils, including tallow and milk.

Attache Jean goes to the Korea assignment with a broad background of agricultural experience in government and with private trade organizations. He was associated with the Oregon Wheat Growers League and Western Wheat Associates for a number of years and from 1954-58 was manager of the Agricultural Department of the Chamber of Commerce in Portland, Oregon. He served as administrator of the Oregon Wheat Commission in 1958-59.

He joined the Grain and Feed Division of FAS in 1963 as a marketing specialist, and in 1964 was named chief of the Division's foreign marketing branch. He has been director of the Division since 1967.

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ROLLAND ANDERSON NAMED ATTACHE TO NEW ZEALAND

Assistant Attache Rolland (Bud) Anderson of Bonn is replacing retiring Attache Gordon Loveless as attache in Wellington, New Zealand.

Bud and Lorraine and the five young Andersons left Bonn for the U.S. in early September. After a week in FAS/W, Bud joined the rest of the family in Iona, Minnesota for a few days' annual leave with home folks before reporting to Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Loveless will be arriving in the States in early November.

Attache Anderson came to FAS/W in 1962 as an agricultural economist in the Dairy and Poultry Division. He has B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota, and was a graduate assistant at this school.

He has been assistant attache in Bonn since 1967.



Clarence V. (Clancy) Jean

23 PARTICIPATE IN FAS SUMMER AID PROGRAM

Twenty-three students have completed a busy summer in FAS offices as participants in the 1970 Summer Aid Program, which has been in operation throughout USDA for a number of years. From July until September, these young people could be found applying their abilities and acquiring new skills in jobs that ranged from receptionist-typist to file clerk to key punch operator. Fourteen of the group were back for their second summer with FAS, while the remaining nine were newcomers.

This training program is designed to give students an opportunity to put their education to a practical test on an everyday basis and to help them in building good foundations for their career objectives. Useful new skills are learned and desirable work habits for future employment developed, together with a greater awareness of the importance of formal education as a means of achieving career goals. At the same time, the program enables students to earn money during the summer months for further education.

The summer program also includes a special college student program, which had 18 participants this year. Fourteen of these were graduate students. They represented colleges and universities in all parts of the United States and performed jobs in accordance with their backgrounds and majors.

South America



WITH THE WARAO INDIANS IN THE ORINOCO DELTA

While the men are busy with such things as field trips, official visits, crop surveys, and marketing activities, the feminine contingent of the FAS field staff is far from idle. Very often, their activities result in lasting contributions to community life. An example of this was demonstrated in recent months by some energetic ladies in South America.

This particular activity actually began with a field trip into the Venezuelan countryside. When Attache Bob FitzSimmonds of Caracas and Andre Abrajano, regional director of the Great Plains Wheat office in that city, visited flour mills and pasta plants in the eastern part of Venezuela, Nancy FitzSimmonds and Peggy Abrajano accompanied their husbands on this journey into the Delta of the Orinoco River. As guests of the Governor of the Territory of the Delta, the group was introduced to two American Peace Corps volunteers, Mike Beede and Mack Keller, who were working with the indigenous community of Santa Domingo de Guacajarita in the Delta.

While Bob and Andre were busy with their official calls, Nancy and Peggy spent a day in Santa Domingo. This community is a village of Warao Indians who were displaced from their lands when a newly constructed dam, built to prevent the intrusion of salt water into Delta lands, resulted in the salting of the Indians' land downstream from the dam. The tribe was settled on another island in the Delta, where it was making considerable progress in establishing a new community.

Nancy and Peggy were so impressed by the work of the two Peace Corps workers and the progress the Indians had made, particularly the manner in which they were handling the affairs of their village, that they decided to see what they could do, through their separate channels, to help the Santa Domingo community.

At the time of the visit, Nancy was treasurer of *Damas Diplomaticas*, an organization of women from all the Embassies and Consulates in Venezuela which raises money through various functions and activities for distribution to charities and deserving outlets throughout the country. During Nancy's year as treasurer, the organization collected and contributed over \$20,000. Peggy has been active in Catholic charities in Venezuela during her stay in Caracas.

Through the combined efforts of Nancy and Peggy, large quantities of clothing, medicines, and vitamins found their way to the Warao community. In addition, sufficient cash was provided to enable the Indians to repair two old community-owned tractors, as well as to buy a horse and fit him out with a plow, cultivator, and other equipment.

Mrs. Dorothy Von Oven, wife of the Dutch Ambassador in Caracas and president of *Damas Diplomaticas*, cooperated wholeheartedly with Nancy in this project, and members of Peggy's church were generous with help in the form of clothing and food.

Mike and Mack have completed their Venezuela assignment and have returned to the States. Before their departure, they treated Benito Ramos, the Chief of the Warao of Santa Domingo, to a visit to Caracas, which he had last seen as a boy of 14. To celebrate the occasion, the group got together for lunch at the FitzSimmonds home.



CARACAS LUNCHEON PARTY... Chief Benito Ramos of the Warao Indian tribe of Santa Domingo de Guacajarita had not seen Caracas since he was 14 years old, so his visit with Peace Corps friends Mike Beede and Mack Keller was a special event for everybody concerned. After enjoying lunch at the home of Attache and Mrs. Bob FitzSimmonds, Chief Ramos paused on the patio for a souvenir snapshot with the other guests before continuing his sightseeing.

From left to right: Peggy Abrajano, wife of Andre Abrajano of the Great Plains Wheat office in Caracas; Mack Keller; Nancy FitzSimmonds; Chief Ramos; Thea Von Oven, wife of the Dutch Ambassador to Venezuela; and Mike Beede.

KAY OWSLEY PATTERSON NEW FOREIGN AGRICULTURE EDITOR

Mrs. Kay Owsley Patterson has been named editor of *Foreign Agriculture* magazine, following the retirement of Alice Fray Nelson.

Mrs. Patterson was market development editor of *Foreign Agriculture* from 1960-66, when she left to become editor of *War on Hunger* magazine for AID for one year. The following three years were spent with the Office of Population, AID, as communication resources advisor. During this time, she traveled around the world twice.

Her background includes public relations account executive, editor for several publications, radio and TV. She spent seven years in Europe, living and working as a free-lance writer in Paris and Madrid. While there she attended the Sorbonne in Paris, and the Universities of Madrid and Granada.

Mrs. Patterson has a 14-year-old daughter, Peyton Reed, who enters ninth grade at Maret this year. Newest member of the household is Tashi, a 4-month old Lhasa Apso, in whose honor the rugs are still rolled up out of harm's way.



GUY HAVILAND ASSIGNED TO ECUADOR AS ATTACHE

Guy L. Haviland, Jr. is the new agricultural attache in Quito, replacing William Bowser who has completed a four-year assignment at this post. Bill has been reassigned to FAS/W.

Guy has been assistant attache in New Delhi for the past four years. An agricultural economist, he was with Agricultural Research Service from 1956-59. He joined FAS in 1959. Guy is a native of White Plains, New York, and earned his B.S. degree at the University of Maryland.

The Haviland household, consisting of wife Betty, daughters Ruth and June, and eight-year-old Scott, arrived in Quito in late September.



AWARD DAY FOR SUMMER AIDS . . . At a ceremony held on August 27, FAS officially said goodbye to this year's summer aids and gave recognition to outstanding members of the group. Assistant Administrator Kenneth McDaniel thanked the 23 young people who took part in this year's program for their valuable services in various offices throughout the agency during the summer months, and presented Certificates of Merit and \$25 cash awards to the four individuals in this picture. From left to right are: Thomas E. Askew, Management Services; Alex D. Erby, Management Services; Assistant Administrator McDaniel; Carol Belita Thompson, Trade Operations; and Karen L. Seymour, Livestock and Meat Products.

Honorable Mention went to Rosemary Gilchrist, Commodity Programs; Crystal Saunders, Market Development; Ruth Williams, Reports and Statistics; and Charlotta Adams, Trade Projects.

Award winner Alex Erby had the distinction of completing his summer work program with a perfect attendance record. As part of her summer activity in FAS, Carol Thompson (a sophomore at Smith College) conducted a seminar for summer aids who are entering college this fall.

Mr. McDaniel presented each of the 23 participants with a letter of appreciation on behalf of FAS.

- The retirement this summer of **Hazel Leary**, chief of the Classification and Organization Branch, Personnel Division, marked the close of 28 years government service. Hazel is enjoying her new home in Gregory, North Carolina.

TIBER TWOSOME . . . Whether their theme song is "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" or "Cruising Down the River", Attache and Mrs. Berk Beukenkamp are obviously enjoying this idyllic Sunday outing, which took place on the Tiber River at Rome.





TAKE A LOOK AT THAT!... Former Assistant Administrator for Management Art Minor happily displays the medal presented to him by the French National Inter-Professional Committee of Horticulture, while Chargé d'Affaires Jacques Le Prette and Amy Minor share his pleasure over this "hands-across-the-sea" tribute. Chargé Le Prette's young comrade in arms is William Minor, who has known for a long time that Grandpa is a pretty special person.

FRANK WADDLE BACK IN MANILA AS AG ATTACHE

Frank Waddle has begun his third tour of duty in Manila, replacing Fred Traeger as agricultural attache. The Traegers have returned to Washington following overseas assignments which have included Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo (1956-61), Lima (1963-67), and Manila (1967-70). Fred has been assigned to the Grain and Feed Division staff.

Attache Waddle went to the Philippines as assistant attache in 1966. Before entering the attache service, he was an assistant county agent in his native Alabama and also served as assistant agricultural editor for Alabama Extension Service. He was editor of *Better Farming Methods*, Mount Morris, Illinois, for four years. He joined USDA as an information specialist with FAS in 1962.

Frank holds a B.S. degree from Auburn University, Alabama.



- Former Attache **Richard A. O. Schwartz** has joined the USDA retiree ranks. Dick left the International Organizations Staff with a record of 45 years government service, much of it overseas. His foreign assignments date back to 1925, when he was first appointed to serve in Berlin. Dick has also served in Oslo, Ottawa, Vienna, Bonn, Ciudad Trujillo, Port-of-Spain, and Leopoldville. The Schwartz retirement headquarters are at 5300 Westbard (Westwood Apts., #202), Washington, D.C. 20016.

W.A. (ART) MINOR RECEIVES FRENCH HORTICULTURAL AWARD

Former Assistant Administrator for Management W. A. Minor was honored in late August by the French National Inter-Professional Committee of Horticulture at a reception held at the French Embassy. Jacques Le Prette, Minister-Counselor and Chargé d'Affaires, presented Mr. Minor with a handsome bronze medal in recognition of his efforts to broaden international understanding through interest in horticulture, especially roses. Art has long been active in the field of horticulture, where his success as a grower of roses and azaleas is widely known. He is past president of the Potomac Rose Society.

Among those attending the reception were Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Andrew J. Mair; FAS Assistant Administrator for Attaches Horace Davis; Assistant Administrator for Management Kenneth F. McDaniel; Assistant Administrator for Export Programs Kenneth Krogh; Attache Thomas Street, Paris; and Paul G. Minneman and Paul Quintus, former ag attaches in Paris.



JAMES H. KEMPTON DIES

Long-time FAS/USDA employees were saddened by news of the death on July 2 of former Attache James H. Kempton, who returned from Venezuela in 1958 to retire in San Francisco. Jim established an all-time agricultural attache record for service at one post by serving at Caracas for over 15 years.

Originally from Cincinnati, he joined USDA in 1907. Except for a brief time when he attended the University of Minnesota, he had a continuous record of government employment. He went to Venezuela as agricultural attache in 1942.

For many years, Jim was with the Bureau of Plant Industry, his chief interest being in the field of genetics. Widely traveled, he made some extensive research tours exploring the origin of corn for the Carnegie Institute and the Smithsonian Institution.

Jim gained special renown throughout FAS as a talented reporter and raconteur. Wisdom and wit characterized the dispatches and letters he turned out during his long government career.

Mrs. Kempton survives.



MYRA SULLY DIES

Friends of Myra Sully, long-time FAS employee and field secretary, were shocked and grieved by her unexpected death on August 30 at her home in Washington, D.C. Myra completed a tour of duty in Rawalpindi last year and was assigned to FAS/W Commodity Programs at the time of her retirement on July 10.

Myra, whose hometown was Newburgh, New York, entered government service in 1949. She had been with FAS for the past 16 years, serving the attache service for ten years. Her overseas assignments included Lagos, Addis Ababa, Hong Kong, and Karachi and Rawalpindi.

WHO'S WHO IN THE FIELD

Field newcomer **Lyle E. Moe** has assumed his duties as assistant attache in New Delhi. Lyle is a native of Wildrose, North Dakota, with B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from North Dakota State and Oregon State. He came to USDA/CSS in 1960 as a marketing specialist trainee and for the past six years has been an agricultural economist for the Economic Research Service.

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Another newcomer to the FAS field staff is **Richard J. Cannon**, who is in Rome as an assistant attache. Dick claims Minden, Nebraska as home, and has B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from the University of Nebraska. An agricultural analytical statistician for AMS/USDA from 1956-62, he went to Minneapolis to serve for four years as assistant director of the Commodity Analysis Department of the Pillsbury Company. Dick joined FAS/W in 1964 as an agricultural economist with the Grain and Feed Division. He has been with the Office of Reports and Statistics Division since 1966, and for the past year has been supervisory ag economist for this office.

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Edwin I. Cissel, who has been an agricultural economist in the Cotton Division of FAS since 1967, is the new assistant agricultural attache in Rio de Janeiro. Ed comes from Baltimore and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from the University of Maryland.

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On board in Rawalpindi as assistant attache is **Oldrich Fejfar**, who has been with USDA since 1955. Oldrich, who has been on the Tobacco Division staff of FAS, is an agricultural economist with a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland. He was assistant agricultural attache in Ankara from 1961-65 and served during 1965-66 as acting attache in Tehran.

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Also off to his first post the latter part of October is **Richard B. Schroeter**, who has been assigned to the USEC office in Brussels as assistant ag attache. A Californian by birth, Dick has B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of California in Los Angeles. He was a marketing specialist trainee with Consumer and Marketing Service in San Francisco from 1962-63, after which he joined the Washington offices of C&MS. He has been an ag economist in the Fruit and Vegetable Division of FAS for the past four years.



OUTSTANDING AWARD FOR ANGELA... Angela Mittiga, competent secretary in the office of Attache Alan Trick, Warsaw, receives her USDA Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Performance from U.S. Ambassador Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., in an Embassy ceremony. Angela, who came to FAS in 1964 from the Bureau of the Budget, has also served in Ankara and Nairobi. Her home state is New York.

Veteran Attache **Paul G. Minneman**, who has been serving as a special consultant to FAS since his retirement last year, is on TDY in the OECD attache post in Paris. The city on the Seine is a well-known locale to Paul, since he was ag attache at this post from 1955 until his assignment to Bonn in 1962.

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Secretary **Sue Sneckloth** of the Trade Projects Division arrived in Bangkok in mid-September. Home for Sue is the State of Washington, where she attended Central Washington State College at Ellensburg and worked for five years in the Cooperative Extension Service offices of Washington State University before going to Sacramento, California. Sue joined the FAS/W staff this year. Before heading for Attache **Bill von Seggern's** office in Thailand, she enjoyed a brief visit with her parents and other relatives on the West Coast.

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Walter Stern is scheduled to go to Bombay, India as agricultural officer the end of November. Walt's USDA career began in 1959, and he was in London as assistant ag attache from 1961-64. He was assistant attache in Manila from 1964-66, and has been on TDY duty in Tokyo and Milan. For the past three years he has been in the Dairy and Poultry Division of FAS/W. Walt earned his B.Sc. degree in economics at Cornell University, attended the Graduate School of Business Administration from 1956-59, and studied at the American University from 1959-61.



LOOKING IN ON THE MIDEAST WITH AREA OFFICER TANNOUS

Near East and Africa Area Officer Afif Tannous returned in mid-July from a post inspection which included stops at Rabat, Ankara, Tehran, Beirut, and Athens.

Dr. Tannous reports that ag attache offices at these posts are functioning very effectively as integral parts of the U.S. Embassies and tangible results of their accomplishments are evident.

MOROCCO . . . Dudley and Nina Williams and their two youngsters were getting ready to settle into the newly-purchased ag attache house, and were very happy about their new home. In addition to sessions with top-level government officials in Rabat, Afif enjoyed Moroccan tea at the home of Ag Assistant Larabi Choukrallah and a tasty Lebanese dinner with Secretary Rose Rich at the home of Embassy Secretary Ann Salame. On a visit into the agricultural area west of Rabat, Area Officer Tannous was treated to the traditional *Michoui* (a whole lamb cooked in a special oven with special herbs) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mchich, Moroccan friends of the Williams'.

TURKEY . . . Here, Dr. Tannous congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Mehmet Veli Karakus, who have recently become the elated parents of an adopted baby. Mehmet is the driver-interpreter at Attache Harry Varney's headquarters in Ankara. Ag Analyst Yusuf Durusoy is regaling friends with stories about his recent trip to the U.S. with the Turkish livestock team, and Clerk-Steno Guler Tosun radiates happiness as she plans for her autumn marriage to the young engineer to whom she became engaged last Christmas.

A three-day field trip in the company of Harry and Gladys Varney and Mehmet Karakus gave Afif a glimpse of the diversity of Turkish agriculture. Crossing the Anatolian Plateau, the group saw irrigation projects, grain crops, livestock herds, and the opium crop in varying stages of development. Continuing on to the Black Sea, they encountered a totally different type of agricultural region. There is rainfall throughout the year in this area, and the landscape is a panorama of luxurious hillsides and pastures, thickly forested mountains, hazel-nut orchards, rice fields, and tea gardens.

JUST A FRIENDLY CHAT . . . Judging from their knitted brows and eloquent expressions, Area Officer Afif Tannous and Attache Bill Horbaly were resolving a very weighty matter at this particular moment. Whatever the subject of conversation might have been, the scene reflects total rapport. The occasion was Dr. Tannous' visit to the Beirut office during his recent post inspection trip.

IRAN . . . Attache Steve Stephanides had arranged for Area Officer Tannous to meet with the managing director of the Agricultural Development Fund, as well as two Under-Secretaries of Agriculture, and to visit the offices of the American Soybean cooperator project. A pleasant diversion was a weekend picnic lunch as guests of some Iranian friends of the Stephanides family at their floating cabin on the lake formed by the Karej River Dam in the mountains outside of Tehran.

LEBANON . . . This was a first visit with Attache Bill Horbaly in Beirut, and a renewal of old friendships with veteran Econ Analyst Mike Bekhash and Secretary Eleanor Kaniecki. Bill included on the program a representational function at his home, where Afif met many old friends, government officials, and trade representatives; a visit to the Fanar Agricultural Laboratory; and a trip to the mountains to see agricultural projects of the National Green Plan. The Horbals and Eleanor enjoyed a Sunday visit with Dr. Tannous to his ancestral village in North Lebanon.

GREECE . . . The inspection ended in Athens, where Attache Jim Frink lined up a series of very worthwhile visits. These included calls on the Minister and Deputy Minister of Agriculture, director of the Livestock Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Deputy Minister and Secretary-General of the Ministry of Commerce, director of the Feed Grains cooperator project in Greece, and several leading trade contacts.



W. GLENN TUSSEY FIRST USDA NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE ENROLLEE

W. Glenn Tussey, assistant attache for market development in Rome from 1966-68 and more recently director of the Cotton, Dairy and Oilseed Division of the Export Marketing Service, has been accorded the honor of being the first USDA employee selected to attend the annual 10-month study course on international relations conducted by the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington. As a member of the 1970-71 class, he began his studies in mid-August.

The National War College is a top-level interservice school for highly-selected senior military officers and civilian career officials.

Glenn returned from his attache assignment in Rome to become director of the Cotton Division of FAS.

ROAMING AROUND

Julio Castilla, ag economist in the agricultural attache office in Lima, represented the American Embassy and FAS at the IXth Regional Livestock Exposition, held in the Mantaro Valley. This event was organized by the Peruvian Agricultural Engineers Association under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Development Bank.

It has been a busy summer for Attache and Mrs. **Verle Lanier** of Kinshasa. In addition to normal office activities and paper work, the Lanier summer schedule has included moving to a larger apartment, teaching and calling square dances at the local riding club and American Recreation Center, and receiving a number of Stateside visitors. A very able temporary secretary helped Verle hold down the fort during the annual leave of Research Assistant **Dimitri Tratolos** and Secretary **Margot Franck** in Europe.

Mildred Rutledge, secretary in Monrovia, was in Washington in late August for consultation, after which she headed for Lakeland, Florida to enjoy home leave with her sister and other relatives. Mildred has traveled many miles from her South Carolina birthplace during her years of field work. She has had FAS assignments in Caracas, Bogota, and Monrovia, and served with the Department of Defense in Morocco, Trinidad, Okinawa, Guam, Japan, and Canada. She is finding her assignment in Monrovia interesting and enjoyable, and says the country's topography is very beautiful. Occasional weekend flights to Abidjan on the Ivory Coast are an occasion for enjoying French restaurant fare and a "big city" atmosphere.

Louis Menna, ag specialist on the staff of Attache **Berk Beukenkamp** of Rome, recently spent two days calling on U.S. wheat importers in Catania, Sicily with Dr. **K. A. Gilles** of the Institute of Cereal Technology, Fargo, North Dakota, and Regional Director **Melvin Maier** of the Great Plains Wheat office in Rotterdam. Purpose of the visit was to ascertain wheat import needs. Returning to Rome, the group spent an additional three days with Italian millers in the areas of Perugia, Florence, Parma, and Milan.

Patricia Peck has been employed as secretary in the Rawalpindi office.

Christopher Ramcharan is the new agriculturist in Attache **Bud Phillipsen's** office at Port-of-Spain.

Jette Sorensen is the new agricultural clerk in the Copenhagen office of Attache **Harlan Dirks**, following the resignation of **Judy Anthon**.

Friends of **Alice Clark**, former secretary in Lagos, will find her hard at work these days in the offices of the International Organizations Staff.

An occasional Jeep breakdown has not deterred Attache **Al Gilbert** of Lagos from making some extensive field trips through Nigeria and Ghana. On the last such expedition, he was doubly fortunate: the Jeep made the arduous trip without a whimper, and **Jane Gilbert** packed her toothbrush and took to the road with Al. Had the Gilbert team found it necessary to resort to other means of locomotion, no doubt Jane would have met the situation with aplomb.

Ag Attache **Duane Clark** of Tel Aviv was among the winners at the recent Embassy Golf Tournament held in Caesara. Duane snagged the low gross award at the tourney.

Attache **Alan Trick** of Warsaw attended the 14th International Congress of Agricultural Economists in Moscow August 22-September 2.

Mohammad Ali, administrative assistant in Attache **Carl Winberg's** office in Rawalpindi, has transferred to the B&M Section of the Embassy.

Western Hemisphere Area Officer **Doug Crawford**, left September 21 on a post inspection trip. He'll be back in FAS/W on October 10 to bring us up-to-date on our co-workers in the Dominican Republic, Trinidad, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico.